GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER FROM RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered into an agreement with Russia in the matter of supply of an Aircraft carrier;

(b) if so, the cost is likely to be spent on its refitting, modernisation etc., and the time by which it is likely to remain in service; and

(c) the reasons for, not being indigenously manufacturing aircraft carriers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): An Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed on the 4th October, 2000 with the Government of the Russian Federation which, inter-alia, provides for the acquisition of `Admiral Gorshkov`, an aircraft carrier, from Russia and its refit and modernization. A Detailed Project Document (DPD) prepared by the Russian side has been examined by the Committee constituted for the purpose. An investment decision on `Admiral Gorshkov` has not yet been taken.

Government have in 1999 approved the indigenous construction of an Air Defence Ship for the Indian Navy.